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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 5-32 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 30, 31 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 11-29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5, 7 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 6, 8, 10 and 32 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-4 have been canceled. Claims 5-32 are pending. No drawings were filed with the application. Foreign priority was not claimed.

Information Disclosure Statement

The examiner has considered the IDS.

Election/Restrictions

The restriction requirement has been modified as follows:

- I. claims 5-29 and 32 drawn to compounds*
- II. claims 30-31 drawn to methods of use*

Applicants elected group I, claims 5-29, 32 the species compound A(153) on page 183 of the specification. The election is deemed without traverse, since applicants' did not argue to the contrary. *Claims 30-31 are held withdrawn, 37 CFR 1.142(b).*

The elected species was not found so the search was expanded to include the whole genus.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 5, 7, 9, are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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The language 'when two adjacent R4 groups.....heteroatom chosen from N, O and S,replaced by heteroatoms;' is confusing. It is unclear 'what' is the structure such language is defining.

Claims 6, 8, 10, 332 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Application number 10/783117 is noted. However, a double patenting rejection is not being made as the claims are method of using and compositions directed to a patentably distinct compound. Note the phenyl is joined to the pyranone ring by an alkyloxy instead of an alkyl as instantly claimed. Compare claims 1 of '117 to claim 5 of '337.

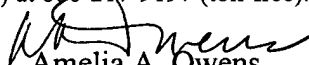
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 11-29 are allowable. The prior art of record does not teach or fairly suggest the claimed compounds/compositions. See for example CA 141:243338 which teach compounds according to the invention. However, the reference does not antedate applicants' priority and is therefore not applicable under 35 USC 102/103.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amelia A. Owens whose telephone number is 571-272-0690. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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